MEETING AT SAULT STE. MARIE

Major C. W. Raymond Discusses Relative Merits of Proposals.

SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS

PHILADELPHIA, August 1.-Maj. Chas. W. Raymond, chief engineer of the United States army for this city, left today for Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to attend a meeting of the deep waterway commission, of which he is president. The commission, which has held a number of meetings, will discuss and compare the final surveys made for the contemplated route of the waterway from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic ocean. In addition to Maj. Raymond, the commission consists of Alfred Noble, the builder of the first lock of the Sault Ste. Marie canal, and a member of the recent Nicaragua canal commission, and George

Y. Wisner of Detroit. The commission will inspect the Sault Ste. Marie canal and will then go to Detroit. Fifty engineers are at the latter and it is expected the final report of the commission will be presented early in next year. Maj. Raymond approximates the of the proposed waterway at about

The Route Outlined. Before leaving today he said:

"The route to be followed will be through the Sault Ste. Marie canal to Lake Huron, through the river to Lake Erie, thence by ship canal around Niagara Falls to Lake Ontario. The question confronting the commission at this point is whether or not and canal, which is Canadian property, should be utilized by deepening, as it is now totally inadequate for the use of ships of deep draught, or a new canal built in American territory. This may be found the more desirable for international rea-

depth of thirty feet throughout the waterway would be sufficient to carry any vessel to the ocean. The entire scheme contemplates some very serious engineer-ing problems, particularly as to the systems of locks.

Two Routes Considered.

"From the point above mentioned, two canal routes are suggested, both using the Hudson river. One is known as the Oswego and Mohawk route, and the other as the Champlain-St. Lawrence. The Oswego-Mohawk route is to start at Oswego and proceed along the Mohawk valley, in such cities as Syracuse, Rome Utica; going thence to Troy, where it will connect with the Hudson, necessitating a deepening of the Hudson. This route will practically obliterate the Erie, though it will take up some of its water-

The Champlain-St. Lawrence route has been surveyed from Lake Frances, which is an arm of the St. Lawrence river, diametrically across to the Richelieu river, which flows into Lake Champlain, and through this lake by means of a canal to

In addition to consideration of the above suggestions, the commission will discuss the question of an increase of the locks of the Sault Ste. Marie canal.

CEPHALONIA IN COLLISION. Ocean Liner Runs Down a Bark Off

Irish Coast. QUEENSTOWN, August 1.-The Cunard line steamer Cephalonia, Capt. Pierce, from Boston July 22 for Liverpool, which arrived here today at 9:55 a.m., was densely befogged during the night. Between 2 and 3 lock in the morning, while nearing the Irish coast, she collided with a sailing vessel, supposed to be a bark. The vessels separated quickly and a boat was launched n the steamer, but all search for the ing craft was unavailing. The Cephalonia was not damaged

BALTIMORE ELECTS DELEGATES.

Independent Democrats Sore Over Result of the Primary. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

BALTIMORE, Md., August 1 .- The three legislative district conventions of Baltimore city met today and elected twenty-one delegates to represent the city democrats in the state convention, which will meet here tomorrow at noon to nominate candidates for governor, controller and attorney general. All the delegates chosen today will vote for Representative John Walter Smith, whose nomination on the first ballot is now assured. Some of the democrats who have been opposed to Col. Smith's nomination are very sore over the result of yesterday's city primaries, and do not hesitate to assert that all the power of the old ring was used to carry the wards for the successful can-They say that Col. Smith's noming tion as the ring candidate will arouse the hostility of the independents and jeopardize the success of their party at the November election. The slate as made up today is as follows: For governor, Col. Jno. Walter Smith of Worcester county; for controlle State Senator Joshua Hering of county; for attorney general, ex-Represen-tative Isidor Rayner of Baltimore city. There is very little doubt that all the above named will be nominated.

ALASKA'S BOUNDARY DEFINED.

John Zachert Tells of Russian Monument and Chart.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 1.-John Zachert, a mining expert of this city, claims to possess information which he believes will have an important bearing on the Alaskan boundary dispute. Zachert declares that the old Russian boundary is defined by monuments placed at short intervals, and that inclosed in each is a chart of the Russian possessions. He is of the belief that the duplicates of the charts are on file at St. Petersburg. Zachert says that an expedit on would have little trouble in finding and following up this boundary line of monuments, and that the charts would prove of inestimable value in settling the dispute between this country and Canadia.

Kautz Raises His Flag on Iowa.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 1.-Admiral Kautz yesterday raised his flag on the battle ship Iowa, which is now the flagship of the Pacific squadron. The Philadelphia, his former flagship, is undergoing repairs at Mare Island. The lowa has gone to the Union iron works to take on a portion of her armament, which was left here when she recently sailed for the dry dock at Port

Steamer Brazilia Aground.

NEW YORK, August 1.- The Hamburg-American line steamer Brazilla, from Hamburg July 20, grounded on the west bank in the lower bay near Swinburne Island about 5 o'clock this morning. As the tide had been running ebb only an hour it is probable that she will remain aground until high water this afternoon.

Takahpuer's Body Found.

AMHERST, Mass., August 1 .- The body of Eugene Takahpuer, the Indian who killed Miss Edith Morell and who then set fire to the Morell's barn, was found today in the ruins of the barn. The Indian killed Miss

Policeman Goes to Prison.

NEW YORK, August 1.-Policeman Thos. F. O'Brien, who on June 10 stole a gold watch and chain and two lockets from the body of Capt. G. D. Roads, president of the Stuyvesant Fire Insurance Company, who killed on that day by an electric car, sentenced today to four years and was sentenced today to f three months in Sing Sing.

Report of the Commissioner for the Past Fiscal Year.

Largest Increase in Receipts From Fermented Liquors Produced the War Tax.

Commissioner Wilson of the internal revenue bureau has issued his preliminary annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30 last. In his report Mr. Wilson says: The receipts from all sources of interna

revenue, for the year, aggregated \$273,484,-582.44, which amount included \$274,953.30, tax on money orders turned over by the Postmaster General to the collector for the district of Maryland, and for which no expense for collection was incurred, making an increase of \$102.617.763.08 over the receipts for the fiscal year ended June 30,

The expenses of this bureau for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1839, will approximate \$4.584,145.43, and the percentage of cost of collection, predicated on these figures, less ax on mozey orders, as above stated, will be 1.68, a reduction of .61 in the percentage of cost of collection as compared with the preceding fiscal year, when the percentage

f cost was 2.29. In this connection it may be stated that the amount expended for the collection of nternal revenue cannot be exactly ascerained until all accounts of collectors for the fiscal year have been received and ad-The receipts from the different articles of

	1898.	1899.
Spirits	\$92,546,999	\$99,283,543
Tobacco	36,230,522	52,493,207
Fermented liquors	39,515,421	68,644,558
Oleomargarine	1,315,780	1,956,618
Filled cheese	16,518	18,098
Mixed flour		7.840
Special taxes not else-		
where enumerated	46,973	4,921,593
Legacies and distributive		
shares of personal		
property		1,235,435
Schedules A and B		43,837,818
Banks, bankers, etc	1,180	

Fermented liquors show the greatest in crease in revenue turned in, the increase over 1898 being \$29,129,137. Schedules A and B of the war tax produced little in 1898, as the law went into effect a few days before the close of that fiscal year. These schedules alone produced \$43,837,818 in the year just gone.

METEOR FINISHES FIRST. Over Eleven Minutes Ahead of Britan-

nia at Cowes.

COWES, August 1.-The regatta of the Reyal Yacht squadron was opened today, with beautiful weather and big crowds ailoat and ashore. The starters in the race for the queen's cup were the Prince of Wales' Britannia, Emperor William's Meteor, Satanita, Rainbow, Betty, Roseneath and Cetonia. The course was the old

Queen's course, to the westward, round Lymington Spit buoy, then eastward, round the Builock buoy, finishing off Cowes.

The Britannia and Meteor crossed the starting line together. Britannia took the lead, but Mcteor rounded Lymington Spit buoy a minute ahead, with the others close

up.
The Meteor allowed the Britannia ten Meteor finished at 3:45:15; Britannia finat 3:56:50, and Satanita finished at 4:13:50.

BOY ROUGHLY HANDLED.

Striking Messenger Boys in Boston Resort to Violence.

BOSTON, August 1.-The striking messengers of the Boston Messenger Company claim that the company has but six boys at work today. Two of these boys were assaulted during the forenoon, one of them being so roughly handled that he was taken in an ambulance to a hospital. One of the assailants was arrested.

The strikers presented a bill of grievances The strikers presented a bill of grievances to the company today, demanding 2½ cents per message, that ten hours shall constitute a day's work and that they be permitted to buy their uniforms instead of renting them from the company.

DO NOT USE "DUM-DUM" BULLETS. Col. Tanner Denies Report Regarding

Joliet Penitentiary Guards. SPRINGFIELD, August 1.-Several dispatches have been received at the governor's office inquiring as to the truth of the statement telegraphed from Joliet that the guards at the Northern penitentiary at Jollet are armed with Mauser rifles and are furnished with "dum-dum" bullets. Col. J. Mack Tanner, the governor's private secre-tary, stated that there is no truth in the statements. He says the arms have not been changed at all, and the idea 'dum-dum" bullets are to be used is ridic-

MRS. CROCKER'S GIFT TO THE ELKS San Francisco Lodge Presented With

ulous.

E. B. Crocker Homestead. SACRAMENTO, Cal., August 1.-Mrs. E. B. Crocker has conveyed as a gift to the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks her mansion in this city which, with the surrounding grounds, is valued at \$90,000. The property is the old home of E. B. Crocker, brother of Charles Crocker, and one of the builders of the Central Pacific railroad. It is connected by a covered passage with the Crocker Art

Gallery, presented some years ago by the widow of Judge Crocker to the city. The building is spacious and well built The building is spacious and well built and the grounds are extensive and highly improved. It is understood the gift is absolute, and that the only requirement is that the mansion and grounds shall be kept in good condition. Mrs. Crocker is now in San Francisco with her son-in-law, J. Sloat Fassett of New York.

W. W. Astor an Englishman Now. LONDON, August 1.-The Gazette announces today that Mr. William Waldorf Astor was naturalized a British subject

Havana Death Report.

The following cablegram has been received at the War Department from Dr. O'Reilly, the chief army surgeon on duty at Havana:

HAVANA, August 1, 1809
Havard (surgeon) reports, July 31, no
military cases, and no deaths since the

Surgeon General Sternberg, to whom this message was addressed, regards the record as quite exceptional, and as testifying to wisdom of the precautions taken not only by the War Department in planning the accommodations for the troops in Cuba, but to the ability of the commanding officers in preserving the health of their

Funeral of Mrs. Kate Chase Sprague Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Kate Chase Sprague will be held at 12 o'clock noon tomorrow at the late residence of the deceased, Edgewood. Rev. Dr. Ern-

est Paddock of St. John's Church will offi-The interment is to be strictly private. There will be no pallbearers. Arrangements have been made to place the remains in a vault at Glenwood cemetery temporarily. Later the body will be removed to Ohio for burial.

Coinage for July.

The monthly statement of the director of the mint shows a total coinage for the month of July of \$4,682,150 pieces, valued at \$6,864,880. The total coinage of gold was \$5,981,500, and of silver and bronze, \$783,380, as follows: Double eagles, \$1,880,000; eagles, \$4,101.

500; dollars, \$406,000; half dollars, \$203,000 quarter dollars, \$117,000; dimes, \$68,000 -cent nickeis, \$81,000; one-cent bronze Government Receipts.

National bank notes received today for redemption, \$201,009. Government receipts -From internal revenue, \$292,402; customs, \$724,880; miscellaneous, \$58,848; expendi

FROM LAKE TO OCEAN THE INTERNAL REVENUE MAZET AT IT AGAIN

Legislative Investigating Committee Reconvenes After a Vacation.

WITNESSES SEVERAL EXAMINED

Inquiries Regarding Gambling and Doings of Firm of Architects.

COL. MURPHY ON STAND

NEW YORK, August 1.-After a vacation of about six weeks the Mazet assembly committee convened today in the county court building to continue the work of inrestigating the different departments of the New York city government.

Frank Moss, the committee's counsel, called Deputy Sheriff Mulvaney to the stand as the first witness. Mr. Moss wanted to know if the sheriff had taken any action to stop gambling in the absence of such preventive

steps by the municipal authorities. The deputy sheriff said he was aware that there was a statute that provided for such action, but believed it applied to such counties as were imperfectly policed.

"Our object," explained Mr. Moss, "in bringing you here was to call your attentroit. Fifty engineers are at the latter place tabulating and arranging the results, the fiscal year of 1898:

to this section of the law which makes the fiscal year of 1898: it incumbent on sheriffs to suppress crime. Betting on horse races is now practiced in this city to an extraordinary extent, and it is our intention to bring this fact to the attention of all the public authorities within the provisions of these resolutions."

Mr. Moss then called President Michael
C. Murphy of the health department and

questioned him concerning work done by
Horgan & Slattery, city architects.
Col. Murphy said Horgan & Slattery
had erected Willard Hospital. There had
been no public competition for this work.
Chas. F. Murphy, treasurer of the dock
hoard teatified regarding plans for remainpoard, testified regarding plans for repairing a Brooklyn pier which were drawn by Horgan & Slattery, and which the chief engineer of the dock department had con-

pool room alleged to exist in 23d street. He was in the saloon business himself, he said, and was not ashamed of it. said, and was not asnamed of it.

Arthur J. Horgan of Horgan & Slattery
was called. He said he designed the new
city prison, that the steel cells cost \$310,000
and that his firm got 5 per cent for their
work. He had never talked with John F. Carroll about the work nor had he paid Carroll any money. He had made most of the drawings for the steel cells himself; none had been made by a western designer. Horgan's partner confirmed Horgan's statement that the firm had never paid any money to Mr. Carroll. He hoped that his friendship with Mr. Carroll had something to do with his firm getting the work. His firm had other work to do besides what it did for the city. As an instance, it was building the largest sanitarium in the world at Sailors' Snug harbor. Mr. Slattery said that the leading architects and architectural papers had upheld his firm's criticism of the work of John H. Thomas, who drew the plans for the new hall of records building.

Was that criticism professional?" "It was, and the city saved a million dollars by it."

Mr. Slattery said his firm's report on Mr. Thomas' plan was drawn up by Mr. Hor-

gan.
The witness objected to many of the questions, and spoke in a loud and angry tone when Mr. Moss insinuated that he had been out of the city lately to avoid a subpoena. Mr. Mazet called him to order. "Do you prefer in iron construction a beam built in the shape of a plank, or one with flanges?" asked Mr. Moss.

I won't answer that question." The question was not pressed.
"What kind of marble, in your opinion,"

"What kind of marble, in your opinion, asked Mr. Moss, "is most suitable for interior decorations in public buildings?"
"Connemara marble," said witness.
"Now, Mr. Slattery," continued Mr. Moss, "it has been substantially charged in the public press in the newspapers that you are not an architect at all, that in fact re not an architect at you do not know anything about architec-tural work. Is that a lie?"

'Yes; it is a lie." Mr. Horgan was recalled. He said that in very instance he had drawn all the plans and specifications for city work himself. "Which do you consider the most service-able, an ordinary parallelogram beam or one with flanges?" asked Mr. Moss.

"I prefer a beam with flanges."
"Give us the scientific explanation as to why you do so."
"I am not here to give you theories as to Not to the city of New York, which pays

"You are not the city of New York I am not here to undergo an examination as to my architectural abilities."

"That's what you are here for."
"You are not fit to examine me." Prove to me my ignorance by answering

he questions I ask. A recess was then taken.

CANNOT INSPECT JURY'S MINUTES.

Judge Blanchard Denies Application of Molineux's Attorneys. NEW YORK, August 1 .- Judge Blanchard, n the supreme court, handed down a decision today denying the application of attorneys for Roland B. Molineux to inspect the minutes of the grand jury which indicted Molineux for the murder of Katherine J. Adams by means of poison alleged to have been sent through the mails to Harry Cornish, an athletic instructor

Judge Blanchard in his decision says:

"The moving papers fail to disclose any legal reason for granting this motion, and the exercise of the inherent power of the court in allowing an inspection of the min-utes of the grand jury would be unusual, if not unprecedented in view of the pro-ceedings already had in the case. "It is not alleged that an inspection would aid the defendant in preparing for trial or that he is not informed of the sub-stance and detail of the charges against him. He has had two opportunities to have the merits of the accusation against him inquired into by an examining tribu-nal wherein he could have testified in his own behalf, if he so desired, compelled the attendance of witnesses and thereby ex-plained away the charges against him, but in each instance he has avoided the issue and waived the examination. He did this in the exercise of his undoubted legal right, but having declined the opportunities or-fered him he cannot now justly complain

of unfair treatment. 'Moreover a careful review of the proceedings has produced the conviction that an inspection of the minutes would not benefit the defendant or have any effect other than to delay the trial of the indict-ment against him. The case has attracted a large share of public attention for several months, and the best interests of the community, as well as those of the de-fendant himself, demand the speediest disposition of it that is possible.

"The motion is, therefore, denied." Marblehead Salls for Callao. SANTIAGO DE CHILE, August 1, via Galveston, Tex.-The United States cruiser Marblehead, which is on her way from Peru to Mare Island, has left Coquimbo, Chile, for Callao, Peru.

Pulp Mill Burns.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., August 1 .- A pulp nill at Cadyville, on the Saranac river, was destroyed by fire yesterday. A Delaware and Hudson freight car, standing on the mill siding, was also burned. The mill be longed to the International Paper Company, and was valued at \$25,000. It was fully insured. The fire caught in the wood room.

Ambassador Choate Explains.

LONDON, August 1.-The United States Ambassader, Mr. Joseph H. Choate, had a long conference this morning at the United States embassy with Mr. Francis H. Villiers, an assistant under secretary of the foreign office. It is understood the ambassador explained some points raised by late dispatches from Washington.

Subscribers who experience any difficulty in receiving The Star, caused by the carrier not ringing the door bell, will please report such failure or non-delivery to the office.

Information Received This Afternoon by Surgeon General Wyman.

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It is Believed Now That the Epidemic Has Appeared in

Surgeon General Wyman this afternoon eceived information concerning three important developments on the subject of yel-

low fever at the Soldiers' Home at Hamp-

There is now little doubt that the infection has spread to Phoebus, adjoining Hampton; that place has been placed under quarantine, and there has been no important spread of the disease at the home. Dr. Vickery telegraphed from the home: Epidemic not extending. Last day two cases, one death."

It is not known here whether these cases are in addition to the total number of cases telegraphed to Dr. Wyman last night, that total being thirty-seven cases and seven deaths.

Dr. White telegraphs from Hampton that quarantine at Newport News has been turned over to the marine hospital service, and that there is little doubt that there is infection in Phoebus.

There are about 200 guests at the hotels at Old Point Comfort. These guests cannot leave except by permission of the marine hospital surgeons after they are satisfied they are not infected.

New York Precautionary Measures. NEW YORK, August 1. Every pessible precaution is being taken

by the authorities of Jersey City to prevent yellow fever from making an entrance from the south. Arrangements to watch and fumigate all trains coming in from suspected parts of the south are being perfected. The fumigating will be done by the Jersey City health authorities at the expense of the railroads, and room will be set aside in which, if necessary, southern passengers will be quarantined at the depots.

Steps Taken at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, August 1.-The first active step toward the enforcement of the quarantine against Newport News, Hampton and Old Point Comfort, Va., on account of vellow fever was taken this morning, when the steamer Juniata of the Merchants and Miners' Transportation Line, from Boston, was held up at quarantine station by order of Health Commissioner Jones, upon information that several passengers had poarded the ship at Old Point. She was on released, however, upon the statement of her commander that the story was incorrect, and that he had taken no passengers from any of the towns against which the quarantine is being enforced.

SOUTH AMERICAN ALLIANCE

The Rumor of Its Formation Treated With

Diplomats From That Section Speak of Kind Feeling for the United States.

The renewal of the report, this time from Rome, that South and Central American countries are forming an alliance to offset American tendency toward expansion and imperialism, excites only derision among the diplomatic circles of the southerr republics. One of the best posted of

these officials said today: "There has been no such movement, so far as I can learn from letters and reports from many quarters in South and Central America and from constant associations with representatives from those countries. These show the utmost cordiality toward the United States, and some of the countries mentioned as taking part in an alliance have recently given strong expressions favorable to the United

States. Argentine's President. "The Argentine Republic is said to be prime mover in the plan, but the president of Argentina, in his recent message to Congress, paid a glowing tribute to 'our friend and neighbor, the great republic of the north.' This was in recognition of the friendly office the United States had performed for Argentine and Chile, in arbi trating the boundary dispute. Besides the friendly message from the Argentine president, Argentine has proposed paying the United States minister to act as its arbitra-tor a honorarium of \$100,000.

"I have just received a letter from Co lombia, speaking of the high standing Americans have there, which is rather in contrast to the statement that Colombi figures in this alliance. That Venezuelz should be mentioned in the same connection is rather surprising to those who know the part the United States has taken in protecting Venezuela, leading up to the

ourt of arbitration, now sitting at Paris. No Movement Afoot.

"In short, there is no such movement afoot in any quarter of South or Central America, and there is no element of the press or the public which favors any step against the United States. Certainly no administration in any southern repub lie could stand long on a policy of oppos-ing this country, and as a matter of fact no responsible official has ever proposed such a movement."

WRECK ON THE FAST MAIL. Fatal Accident on Northwestern, Near Des Moines River.

BOONE, Iowa, August 1.-The fast mail train on the Chicago and Northwestern ailroad, which left Chicago at 10 o'clock last night, left the track at "Kate Shelly Curve," just cast of the Des Moines river bridge, at 5 o'clock this morning. The engine and all the cars were wrecked. The following were killed: Engineer John Masterson, Fireman Arthur Schmidt, Postal Clerk G. G. Stone, J. J. O'Brien, a postal clerk, living in Chicago, died after reaching

this city." The following were injured, but the extent of their injuries cannot be determined until the surgeons at the hospital have examined them: "Postal Clerk Fackert, Postal Clerk A. W. Hoyl, Postal Clerk E. H. Shirk, Postal Clerk E. H. C. C. Roorick, Messenger Helpert F. L. Figafoos, Brakeman Thomas Flancery was slightly injured in-ternally, and several other trainmen sustained slight injuries.

MISTOOK MALSTER'S POLITICS.

Baltimore Mayor Invited to Demo

eratic Jubilee at Detroit. BALTIMORE, August 1 .- Mayor Malster, republican, of this city, has received a letter from Mayor Mayburn, democrat, d' Detroit, Mich., in which the latter invites Baltimore's chief executive to attend a democratic jubilee in Detroit on August 19, and make an address, adding: "A portion of the forenoon has been set

aside for two or three speeches by democratic mayors. Carter Harrison of Chicago has been invited, and we have assurances has been invited, and we have assurances of his acceptance."

Mayor Malster has replied, thanking Mayor Mayburn for the invitation, but suggesting that an error has been made regarding the writer's political status, inasmuch as he is a staiwart republican, and deferring his acceptance until he again hears from the mayor of Detroit.

Post Office Department Official Warm in Praise of the Island.

MONEY IN FRUIT CULTIVATION

Natives Are Getting Accustomed

to American Ways.

LIVING IS CHEAP

"I can imagine no more beautiful sight than the stars and stripes waving amid the luxurious vegetation of Porto Rico." is what Director of Posts Elliott said this morning to Acting Postmaster General Perry S. Heath in the beginning of his talk on Porto Rico. Mr. Elliott is the director general of posts of Porto Rico, and, as stated in The Star of yesterday, he comes to Washington for the purpose of conferring with post office officials concerning postal matters in Porto Rico. Mr. Eiliott returned on the Caraccas, and will leave the latter part of September with his family for his new home at Santurce.

"To a representative of The Star this morning Mr. Elliott talked enthusiastically of the new possession. He said: "The is-land physically is one of the most beautiful it has ever been my privilege to see. It is composed of low ranges of mountains which run east and west, hiding beautiful valleys and picturesque canyons. The soil is fertile to the peaks of the mountain tops, but under Spanish rule agriculture has been sadly neglected. Under Spanish rule I am told the only thing that was permit-ted in the way of cultivation was coffee, sugar and tobacco.

Anything That Grows.

"The country will produce anything that grows, and fruits of all kinds thrive to a wonderful degree. The country is full of wild oranges that have a superior flavor, and the pears and the pineapples are all just a little better than anything I know of Porto Rico, in my estimation, is destined to become the great fruit supply country for the United States; all that is needed is cultivation, and the people are waking up to

"There are two classes of people on the island. One is Spaniards and the other Porto Ricans. The latter are mixed Spanish and Indian and Spanish and negro; but the former predominate, and are easily distinguished by their long, straight hair and agueline features. aqueline features.

"The Porto Ricans are delighted with the change which puts them under Uncle Sam, and the Spaniards, while not desiring it, are submitting gracefully. There is one great trouble due to the protest of the Spanlards against the treatment we accord the Porto Ricans,

"They are regarded as free and inde-pendent, and the dons do not like this, since they have been holding them for years in subjection and robbing them freely, but they are realizing now that they annot treat the natives as slaves.

Depressed Commercial Conditions. "I traveled all over the island, met all he alcaldes and the leading citizens, and everywhere met with the most generous hospitality. The island is suffering now from depressed commercial conditions. You ee, the laws have not been changed, and they have always been a hardship. The establishment of provisional courts by the United States authorities have worked nuch good, and are a decided innovation.
"The coffee planters have had a hard time this year. The coffee grown on the island has heretofore commanded an extra price in Europe, but Spain has entirely cut off this market by an exorbitant tariff. sugar crop has been a considerable help on account of the good prices, and next year's crop will be a big one. You see, business has been languishing for years under Spanish rule, but I can see evidences of a general awakening. Take the tobacco

crop, for illustration.
"The finest tobacco is the world is grown on the island, but Spain compelled all its Cuba, where the cigars were manufactured. No cigars were permitted to be manufac-tured in Porto Rico, and this is but anther evidence of how the islanders were

Chance to Make Money.

"There is an abundance of opportunity in Porto Rico for young, energetic men to make money. The people who have been there and gone away disgusted went upon the assumption that the Porto Ricans could be fooled, and that they would make a big stake in a day. nost astute race, and learn about as quickly as a Yankee. The proper way to get along there is to become affiliated with the people. They are generous and hospitable and eager to help Americans. But they will not tolerate chicanery.

"It is not in digging gold, coal or copper that opportunities present themselves, al-though there are deposits of all of these on the island, but in the cultivation of fruit. "Labor is cheap. You can get common laborers at from 25 to 30 cents a day, and they are a faithful class. Living is cheap, and you would be surprised at the variety you can get. In fact, there is everything to be had. Heretofore fresh meat has been hard to obtain, since refrigerating plants

'Now they are building a big cold storage plant, and we will have ice all the time. Houses are cheap. A veritable paradise of a house, with large grounds and tropical fruit growing in the back yard, may be had for \$45 per month. Good cooks are plentiful at from \$2.50 to \$6 per month; the est are from the Island of St. Thomas and they all speak English. I live just ou ide of San Juan, or, as the natives call it, "El Capital." We have been eating em

balmed beef right along.
"I tell you it's good. I was introduced to it last summer at Guantanamo, and al-ways found it of the very best. They have fine cattle on the island, but for the want of refrigerating appliances not many of them are slaughtered, except for immediate use. The razor-back hogs are curious little fellows, but produce the best pork chop

you ever tasted.
"Postal matters on the Island are booming. From positive chaos we have devel oped a first-rate system, which is working well, to the eminent satisfaction of the people, who marvel at the honesty of the

established a dead letter office some time ago and almost the first letter sent us contained \$11. It was directed to a man in New York, and he could not be found. The letter was opened and the sender disclosed. He was notified, and when he pre sented himself and receive the letter and contents he looked bewildered, and ex-claimed in Spanish: "This is wonderful. Why, under Spain I would never have got even the letter." The newspapers got hold of the story, and the result was the system was praised extensively.

Private Letter Carriers. "At San Juan, Mananguez and at Ponce

we have a carrier system which works well. The merchants also have a private carrier called Cartiero, who gets from them one-sixih of a cent in our oliecting and delivering their letters. do not recognize these, however, and do not recognize these, however, and do not deliver mail to them until they have filed letters from the people to wohm they are directed authorizing it.

"You would be astonished to see how they have the people are adequired themselves."

rapidly the people are adapting themselves to our ways. They are picking up Eng-lish very rapidly, and you hear spatterings of it everywhere you go. The street arabs have learned to cuss with the proficiency of a saller. The young people of the re-spectable class are striving to learn English, and many of the wealthy coming to this country to attend our "I impress upon every one who appeals to

me for situations that we will employ none but those who speak English. The new school system will shortly be working well, but nothing except English will be taught. The island is absolutely free from sickn and the weather superb. I shall move family early in October to Porto Ri which will be my future home." to Porto Rico, Mr. Root at the Treasury.

Secretary Root was at the Treasury De-

partment this afternoon, returning the vis-

SPREAD OF THE FEVER LIKES PORTO RICO STEPBROTHERS IN A SCRAP FINANCE AND TRADE

Alleged Assault of John and Joseph Burke on Lawrence Burke.

Latter Claims He Was Knocked Down With Bricks and Then Beaten

-The Case in Court

John Burke and Joseph Burke, brothers, of L street between 6th and 7th southwest were this afternoon placed on trial before Judge Mills on the charge of assaulting their stepbrother, Lawrence Burke, on

July 27. The prosecuting witness stated that there had been bad blood between all the parties named for some time past. On Thursday evening last, while walking down the street near his home, he swore he was attacked by the two accused men, each of whom, without any warning, threw a brick at

him, both of which struck him. Both men then jumped on him, he claimed, and beat him, and one of the brothers

remarked: "Now, I have you where I want you. I Seeing that one of Lawrence's assailants was about to hit the former with a third stone. Lawrence swore that he drew a revolver and said if the man struck him again he would blow his brains out. The complainant then jumped up and ran away, entering the house of Mr. Joseph O'Brien, No. 641 L street southwest. He was he No. 641 L street southwest. He was, he

swore, followed by his assailants, who there again beat him.

Mr. C'Brien corroborated the part of Lawrence Burke's evidence relating to what took place in his (O'Brien's) house, and added that though Lawrence had a nistel be did not extend to the contraction.

and added that though Lawrence had a pistol he did not attempt to use it.

Mr. Hiram Biddle said he saw Lawrence Burke walking down the street on the evening in question, and observed John Burke slip up behind Lawrence, take something out of his pocket and strike Lawrence with it. He did not see Lawrence with it. He did not see Lawrence with a say affect to defend himself make any effort to defend himself.

Mrs. Mary Biddle, wife of the preceding witness, gave similar testimony.

At this point the court took a recess until shortly before 2 o'clock, and upon re-

assembling John Burke, one of the defend-ants, was called to the stand. He admitted striking his stepbrother Lawrence with a stone several times, and said he did so be-cause Lawrence had made slighting re-marks about John's mother, who is Lawrence's stepmother. He denied that he made any attack on Lawrence until after the latter drew a

pistol on him. Joseph Burke asserted that Lawrence Burke had made an insulting remark to their mother, which was the reason for the assault on Lawrence by John. The witness took no part, he claimed, in the contro-versy, except to separate Lawrence and

On cross-examination by Prosecutor Las-

Joseph Burke said the insulting re-

mark made by Lawrence was: "I guess they would like to go down the river," at the same time pointing in the direction where their mother was sitting. Michael Burke, father of all the Burkes in the case, said he witnessed the whole affair and that Lawrence was the ag-

At the conclusion of the hearing of the testimony Presecutor Laskey said he had known Mr. Michael Burke up to the period of the assault long and favorably, and he did not care to make any comment on the evidence he had presented to the court.
Mr. Howell Titus, counsel for the de-fendants, rande an address, in which he claimed that his clients had acted in self-

After reviewing the testimony Judge Mills discharged Joseph Burke and fined John Burke \$25, with the alternative of sixty days in jail. The fine was paid. INVESTIGATING AUTOMOBILES.

Edens' Efforts in Behalf of the Post Office Department W. G. Edens, superintendent of free delivery, western division, with headquarters at Chicago, arrived in Washington this morning on his way west. Mr. Edens has been investigating automobiles with a view of their adoption by the Post O See Depart-ment in the collection of mails. Mr. Edens alked interestingly of the future of the

electric motors and expressed the belief that it would not be long before they would be generally adopted by all large cities. "Where there are smooth pavements or roads, the automobile is a decided benefit to post offices. I have seen some experi-ments along suburban roads, where the ments along suburban roads, where the topography of the country was rough, and for this service I think the gasoline motor is preferable. As a general proposition, electric automobiles are serviceable where it is easy to obtain current along the line of travel. In country districts gasoline is the thing, and I am informed there is no danger whatever in its use. In Washing-ton I think the electric automobile will shortly be used for all kinds of business and pleasure. The smooth pavements and the excellent country roads, with electric wires running all along them, furnish ex-

ceptional advantages."

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Wm. C. Woodward, the District health officer, the Commissioners have designated Dr. R. L. Lynch, a sanitary and food inspector, to secure the enforcement of the act for the prevention of smoke. As has been heretostated in The Star, this act takes effect tomorrow. It became law the 2d of last February, making unlawful six months from that date the "emission of dense or thick black or gray smoke or cinders from any smokestack or chimney used in connection with any stationary engine, steam boiler or furnace of any description, within boiler or furnace of any description, within the District," declaring such to be a public nuisance. Those offending against the law are liable to a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 for each and every offense, and each day the law is violated is made a separate offense. The Commissioners, as has been heretofore stated in The Star, have not and will not formulate any regufully enforce the law, and that without

further notice. Police Changes.

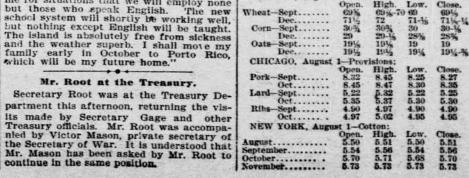
John L. McLucas has been appointed by the District Commissioners a private of class 1 of the police force, vice R. D. Herbert, resigned. The Commissioners have also permitted Policeman R. Golway to recall his resignation, which was tendered to take effect yesterday, and have permitted him to retain his position.

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Grain, Provisions and Cotton Markets Furnished by W. B Hibbs & Co., bankers and brokers, 1419 F st., members New York stock exchange, correspondents denburg, Thalmann & Co., New CHICAGO, August 1—Grain: Open. High.



Strong Undertone in Stocks in Spite of Profit Taking.

VERY ENCOURAGING

Prospect of a Broadening Market

Later in Season.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star

NEW YORK, August 1.-Today's market was less one-sided than that of yesterday, and had to stand the test of considerable profit taking during the forenoon. All things considered, the achievement was decidedly creditable. London cables indicated

strength at that center, and led to the be-

lief that the local market would open un

der the influence of considerable enthusiasm. This expectation was not realized, lnasmuch as buying and selling were pretty evenly divided during the initial trading.

Southern Pacific opened up strong, but reacted nearly 1 per cent under persistent profit taking. The amounts were not large, but the offerings were continuous, and served to prevent the establishment of a

permanently higher level.

In the general list, however, offerings

easily under a good inside demand. The new business of this company is now com-ing in as a factor and much confidence is felt in the property's future outlook. Th

make the stock take a more enviable post tion in the industrial ranks.

The steel stocks are again showing the influence of their strong commercial condition, and there is a disposition to look upon them as likely leaders in any industrial advance of the near future. The coal stocks

The buying of North American and spe-cialties of that class was a feature of the market, and confirms the belief in a broadening market. The smelting issues were strong on the authork for an amicable settlement of strike differences, inside buying holding both the

common and preferred well up to the best recent level.

The action of the wheat market and the

lower rates for exchange are important factors in the present outburst of activity and increased confidence. To what extent these influences may be transitory is an unknown factor, but they serve for a day. Car famines in the west and continued increases in explaints due to large trails and

not being forced on the market because of the meager investment return.

Good securities are being sought after, and while it is quite likely that the high-

ow-priced issues There are yet many admirably managed properties selling at about half the price of the standard shares, which will yield the same or a greater return without the slightest prospect of any hitch in the regularity. Such issues, chosen with discrimination, are entitled to first place in the present semi-professional and semi-invest-

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Market. Open. High, Low. Close

American Sugar..... C., C. C. & St. Louis . Chicago, R. i. & Pacine. Chic St. P., M. & O. Chig. & G. Western 108% 14% 180 179 123% 76 Consolidated Gas..... 181 M 180 125 76%

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Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—regular call—12 o'clock m.—People's Fire Insurance, 100 at 65%. Capital Traction, 20 at 93%, 20 at 18%, American Graphophone, pfd., 3 at 13%, After call—Lanston Monotype, 100 at 18%, District of Columbia Bonds.—30-year Fund. gold 6s, 105% bid. Water Stock currency 7s, 107 bid. Fund. currency 3.65s, 116 bid.

Miscellaneous Bonds.—Metropolitan Railroad cert. Indebt., A, 116 bid. Metropolitan Railroad cert. Indebt., A, 116 bid. Columbia Railroad 6s, 132% bid, 135 asked. Columbia Railroad 2d mort. 5s, bid, 135 asked. Columbia Ralfroad 2d mort. 5s, 113½ bid, 115 asked. City and Suburban Ralfroad 5s, 111 bid. Washington Gas Company, ser. A, 6s, 107 bid. Washington Gas Company, ser. B, 6s, 107 bid. United States Electric Light deb. imp. 113½ bid, 115 asked. City and Suburban Railroad
5s, 111 bid. Washington Gas Company, set. A. 6s,
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6s, 116½ bid. United States Electric Light cert.
indebt. 6s, 115 bid. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 103 bid. American Security and Trust
4s, 100 bid. Washington Market Company 1st 6s,
110 bid. Washington Market Company imp. 6s,
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110 bid. Masonic Hall Association 5s, 108 bid.
American Graphaphone deb. 5s, 190 bid. Anacostia
and Potomac 5s, 104½ bid, 106 asked.
National Bank Stocks.—Bank of Washington, 340
bid. Metropolitum, 482 bid. Central, 170 bid.
Farmers and Mechanics', 200 bid. Second, 150
bid. Citizens', 165 bid. Columbia, 155 bid. Capital, 125 bid. West End, 122 bid. Traders', 118
bid, 125 asked. Lincoln, 125 asked.
Safe Deposit and Trust Companies.—Washington
Loan and Trust, 158 bid. Washington Safe Deposit, 65 bid, 75 asked.
Hisurance Stocks.—Firemen's, 33 bid. Franklin,
47 bid. Metropolitan, 78 bid, 90 asked. Potomac,
166 bid. Arlington, 153 bid. 155 asked. GermanAmerican, 210 bid. National Union, 12 bid. 13
asked. Columbia, 14 bid. People's, 6½ bid, 6%
asked. Lincoln, 13½ bid.
Parket Title, 2 bid.
Railroad Stocks.—Capital Traction Company, 93½
bid. 93½ asked. City and Suburban, 38 bid.
Gas and Electric Light Stocks.—Washington Gas,
55% bid, 55% asked. Georgetown Gas, 50 bid, 65
asked.
Telephore Stocks.—Chesapeake and Potomac, 76

55% bld, 55% asked. Georgetown Gas, 56 bld, 55 asked.

Telephore Stocks.—Chesapeake and Potomac, 76 bld, 75 asked. Pennsylvania, 42% bld.

Miscellaneous Stocks.—Mergenthaler Linotype, 203 bld, 203% asked. Lanston Menotype, 18% bld, 18% asked. American Graphophone, 183% bld, 12% asked. American Graphophone, pfd., x13% bld, 14 asked. Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 22 bld. Washington Market, 13 bld. Norfolk and Washington Steambeat, 110 bld.

x Ex. dividend.

First Assistant Postmaster General Perry S. Heath was acting postmaster general to-day and as such signed all official mail.

Director William R. Merriam of the census bureau left this morning for Atlantic City for his vacation. He expects to be gone a month

were quickly taken and prices were well sustained. Manhattan and Brooklyn Rapid Transit were sold to take profits during the opening hour, but a ready market was disclosed for all offerings, and higher prices subsequently were recorded. Tennessee Coal and Iron was marked up easily under a good inside demand. The

new interest which has bought the control during the last few months is expected to

for trade reasons also should come into greater favor in view of recent strength and manifest scarcity.

creases in earnings, due to large traffic and wise management, are legitimate and en-during arguments for confidence. Money rates are not all that a somewhat spoiled and pampered speculative contin-gent could wish, but standard issues are

riced shares are justly entitled to their evel in many instances, relative value can carcely fall to attract attention to certain

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Baltimore & Onio, w 1.. Chicago, B. & Q. Chicago Northwestern

Del., Lack & W. General Electric..... Louisville & Nashville

Metropontan Traction... Manhattan Elevated ... National Lead Co ... New Jersey Central New York Central ... Northern Pacine Northern Pacific, prd

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